

## Girl Scouts receive Gold Award

WILMINGTON - Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts is proud to announce Wilmington Girl Scouts Ceara Dembrowski and Lindsay Mercer received their Girl Scout Gold Award pins on Wednesday, June 22 at a ceremony at the Holiday Inn & Suites in Marlborough. The event was attended by family, friends and Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts' CEO Ruth N. Bramson and Board President, Peggy Stevens.

The Girl Scout Gold Award is the highest award that a Girl Scout can achieve. The Gold Award is something that fulfills a need within a girl's community whether local or global, creates change, and is something that becomes ongoing. The project is more than a good service project—it encom-

passes organizational, leadership, and networking skills. Only about 5 percent of all Girl Scouts earn this award each year.

Ceara Dembrowski's "Signs for Silver Lake" project was created to generate pride at Silver Lake and bring awareness to its ecosystem. Dembrowski organized an information day and presented to local day camps. Her presentation, not only educational but also interactive and had fun games geared towards helping children identify members of the ecosystem. Dembrowski also created a brochure on the history and ecosystem of Silver Lake, and can be found at the Recreation Department and Town Hall and on display at the lake.

Lindsay Mercer's "Farm Animal Enrichment Structure & Education" project was spurred by Mercer's passion for animals. Her Silver Award project focused on issues animals face as pets in the home and outdoors. For her Gold Award project, she wanted to help farm animals. Inspired by Massachusetts Animal Rights Coalition (MARC) and the work done by the Sunny Meadow Sanctuary whose mission it is to save farm animals no longer needed on farms from slaughter, Mercer with the help of volunteers built exercise and play structures for the goats

at Sunny Meadow Sanctuary. After receiving the initial design from MARC, she researched and reworked the designs to be better structured and more efficient in materials. Mercer built two structures, recruited help and donations for the shelter and produced flyers to educate the public on the Sanctuary's efforts. Mercer also created and served vegan meals to help promote veganism.

Girl Scouts of Eastern Massachusetts serves more than 40,000 girls ages 5-17 and 17,000 adult volunteers in 178 communities across Eastern Massachusetts with the mission to build girls of courage, confidence and character, who make the world a better place. The Girl Scouts provide girls with the opportunity to DISCOVER their world, CONNECT with others and TAKE ACTION to make the world a better place. Girls are guided by committed and caring adults who make learning fun. Girl Scouting helps each girl achieve her personal leadership pathway to the future. The Girl Scouts organization has a rich history and has been the nation's leading expert on girls for nearly 100 years. For more information, please visit [www.girlscoutseastern-mass.org](http://www.girlscoutseastern-mass.org).

